

WIPES OUT FIVE.

House Slashes the State Department Appropriations.

Allow Only Those Provided for by Statute.

COBURN IS ONE OF THEM

No Appropriation for State Board of Agriculture.

Horticultural Society Is Also on the List.

VERY FEW ESCAPE.

Nearly Every Department Will Lose One or More Clerks.

Appropriation Measure Goes Back for Revision.

Legislators Determined on Retrenchment With Big R.

Reform and retrenchment to such an abnormal extent that five state departments were wiped out of existence and a hundred employees at the state house left out in the cold was the sensational programme in the house of representatives on Tuesday afternoon.

A big fight was sprung on the appropriation bill for the executive and judicial departments of the state, and the house adopted the plan of sending the bill back to the ways and means committee with instructions to cut out every item not provided for in the statutes.

Under instructions from the house, the ways and means committee this morning introduced a new carrying appropriation exactly according to statute. Less than a third of the state house people are provided for by this system. It was read a second and third time and made subject to amendment and debate.

W. P. Hackney, who made the fight on the bill Tuesday afternoon, said today: "It is the plan to have the committee on state affairs draw up a bill making provision for all of these positions which the state needs, and which are not provided for by the statutes."

"How will it be about the employees at the state institutions?" asked a member. "They will have to go in as a lump sum, I suppose, though they really ought to be separated, and every position given a special salary."

"Time to do that now. We will have to leave it to the boards and regents." As the statutes have not been revised for about 25 years the majority of the employees of the state have simply been employed because they were needed, and their salaries provided for in the appropriation bill. The attorney general has held that money thus appropriated could be legally paid out by the state, and past legislatures have never taken pains to revise the statutes to match the appropriation bill.

In the statutes there is no provision for any pay whatever in any of the following departments: State board of agriculture, State board of horticulture, Kansas academy of science, State historical society, Kansas traveling libraries commission.

In the way things stand now, all the appropriations for postage, express, telegraph, traveling expenses, ice, stationery and all such incidentals, are wiped out of the state. There is no law for them.

All of the janitors, firemen, engineers, watchmen, etc., who take care of the state house are not provided for. The only one left is the custodian of the state house.

All of the special appropriations, such as the ones for carrying on the Colorado litigation, for rebuilding the state house steps, for repairing the executive mansion, and fixing up the state house drives, are in the same category.

The following people who are now on the pay rolls are cut off, besides all the employees in the departments which are not provided for at all:

- From governor's office, one.
- From secretary of state, five.
- From auditor general, four.
- From treasurer of state, five.
- From attorney general, three.
- From superintendent of instruction, three.
- From superintendent of insurance, two.
- From adjutant general, three.
- From executive council, thirty-five.
- From supreme court, one.
- From state library, four.
- From nine industries, deputies.

The following departments are entirely wiped out of existence:

- State horticultural society, two employees.
- Kansas Academy of Science, one employee.
- State board of agriculture, five employees.
- State historical society, six employees.
- Traveling libraries commission, two employees.

Of course it is absurd to suppose that the appropriation bill will go through in its present shattered condition. The house will have to get busy and fix up the necessary laws to authorize the payments of the money, in case it stands pat in its present position. The senate seems to have more belittled sense than the house, and it would not allow the house to lie things up in such shape.

The right to the appropriation bill for final passage had progressed as far as the department of the state bank commissioner when the committee gave the bank commissioner's deputies at \$1,200 a year. The department has found that good men can not be obtained for less than that, and they have been paying \$1,500, and are making any change in the state appropriation on the ground that it does not conform to the statute and was backed up in his fight by P. C. Young, A. W. Benson, W. E. Hackney and others.

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PUTS OUT A FEELER

Russia Is Groping for Satisfactory Peace Terms.

That Is the View Taken in Diplomatic Circles.

A ROUNDABOUT ROAD.

She Will Ask France to Induce Great Britain

To Enquire of Japan What She Will Take to Quit.

Berlin, Feb. 22.—That the Russian emperor has actually determined to seek peace is not open to doubt. It is officially that this court has been aware that the emperor's mind has been wavering between peace and a continuance of the war. What Emperor Nicholas has so far decided to do seems to be to request of France to ask the British foreign office to inquire of Japan what terms might be expected were Russia to propose peace, that is to say, the preliminary steps are being taken which will thus be able to refuse to open negotiations if Japan's terms are exorbitant.

It isn't enough.

London, Feb. 22.—The terms on which Russia is reported to be prepared to conclude peace are regarded in official circles in London as inadequate and largely in the nature of a trial balloon. Among the British officials the hope of a speedy cessation of hostilities is mostly based on official advice telling of the increasing ascendancy and activity of the peace party in Russia. It is known that Count Benckendorff, the Russian ambassador to Great Britain is an adherent of this party and it is understood that he did all possible to impress his views on his government during his recent stay at St. Petersburg.

Just a Feeler.

Paris, Feb. 22.—Russia has not given any indication to France that she is ready to take up the question of peace and therefore the authorities here do not feel qualified to discuss the St. Petersburg reports giving the precise terms.

The reports are explained substantially as follows: The peace sentiment has lately been steadily augmenting throughout Russia, particularly outside of St. Petersburg, and within recent days some of the most influential personages in St. Petersburg have come out favorably to peace and have sought to impress responsible officials that the time has arrived to take definite action. However, those having the chief responsibility, such as Foreign Minister Lamsdorff, have not yet shown willingness to accept peace arguments. Therefore so long as the Russian foreign office is not prepared to accept the peace view it is considered doubtful of accomplishment. In spite of this the peace reports are considered a hopeful sign of a tendency in the highest quarters towards peace.

The Japanese legation points out that peace negotiations require certain definite steps between the parties, and as Russia has not yet made the necessary preparations to Japan concerning terms Russia is not in a position to elaborate definite conditions. The officials of the legation incline to the view that the St. Petersburg reports were designed to sound official sentiment in Japan. What Tokio will say is not known.

Japanese officials express a strong personal conviction that prior to determining definite terms it will be indispensable to settle the main principle that the terms will insure peace in the far east for many years to come. The Japanese position is said to be quite definite against arranging a peace which would permit Russia to rehabilitate herself. Concerning the indemnity it is said that the Japanese war budget up to March 31 shows that the total war expenditures will be about \$350,000,000. The legation considers that some indemnity is equitable as Japan has expended more than \$1,000,000,000 in the Chinese war in holding up principles which St. Petersburg reports indicate Russia is now disposed to recognize.

The Russian embassy replying to inquiries relative to the peace rumors says that while peace is the subject of numerous conversations in Russia as elsewhere it is incorrect to assume that the government has taken up the question. It is pointed out that some weeks must pass before General Knoputin can make a decisive effort and therefore it is inopportune for Russia to consider peace at the present time, much less determine the conditions on which peace is possible.

Sharp Fighting.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 22.—A telegram from Huan mountain, Manchuria, says sharp outpost fighting has been going on since the 12th of the month. The Russian losses in the outpost skirmishes southwards of Tientsin pass were 14 killed and 82 wounded.

Grand Duke Paul Arrives.

Moscow, Feb. 22.—Grand Duke Paul arrived here today. He was met at the railroad station by his children, Dmitri and Maria, and his wife, the empress. The late Grand Duke Sergei and Grand Duchess Elizabeth, who were killed in the revolution, were buried in the city.

Trains Can't Run.

Warsaw, Feb. 22.—Trains for Vienna are unable to leave Warsaw in consequence of the strike. Later in the day all the employees of the Vienna railway struck and the entire traffic by direct route from Warsaw to Austria and Germany was suspended. The strikers forcibly prevented the bringing out of locomotives from the round houses.

Foundations Laid.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Although not figuring formally of late in the various tentative efforts to leave Warsaw to Austria and Germany was suspended. The strikers forcibly prevented the bringing out of locomotives from the round houses.

Killed Large Gray Wolf.

Cherryvale, Feb. 22.—One of the largest and fiercest gray wolves which have been seen of recent years in this part of the state was killed about three miles west of Cherryvale. The animal was shot by H. C. Young, A. W. Benson, W. E. Hackney and others.

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UP TO 60 DEGREES.

Weather Continues Warm and Very Pleasant.

Today is the high mark. The maximum temperature will reach 64 or 65 according to the weather bureau men. This is about the warmest for two months and half past if not for the entire winter season. At two o'clock it had crawled up to 60 above or eight degrees above the maximum of yesterday. The minimum registered today was 35.

Following are the hourly temperature readings recorded by the government thermometer:

8 o'clock.....	35.11	9 o'clock.....	51
10 o'clock.....	32.12	10 o'clock.....	55
11 o'clock.....	40	11 o'clock.....	58
12 o'clock.....	50	12 o'clock.....	60
1 o'clock.....	55	1 o'clock.....	60

At 2 o'clock the wind was blowing from the south at a rate of 5 miles per hour.

BRBRY TRIED.

Indiana Legislator Given \$100 in Sealed Envelope.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 22.—Representative A. Baker addressing the speaker from his seat in the Indiana general assembly today announced that he had received a sealed envelope which he held in his hand with the request that he vote against the anti-cigarette bill.

"I have not opened the envelope," said Baker.

There were many cries of "open it," and Mr. Baker tore it open while standing at his seat. It contained a one hundred dollar bill.

An investigation has been ordered.

SUPPRESS POOL HALLS.

Senate Passes the Bill for This Purpose.

The senate this morning passed Senator Simmons' bill to allow cities of the third class to suppress pool halls.

The senate passed Senator F. Dumont Smith's bill providing that: "In each and every school district shall be taught orthography, reading, writing, English grammar, geography, arithmetic, history of the United States, and history of the state of Kansas, and may teach agriculture and such other branches as may be determined by the district board; provided, that the instruction given shall be in the English language."

The senate also passed Senator F. Dumont Smith's bill providing that: "If when a cause of action accrues against a person he be out of the state or has absconded or concealed himself, the period limited for the commencement of the action shall not begin to run until the person is brought to the state, or he is so absconded or concealed, and if after the cause of action accrues he depart from the state, or abscond or conceal himself, the time of his absence or concealment shall not be computed as any part of the period within which the action must be brought."

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TO HEAR BRYAN.

Democrats Flock to Topeka to Attend Banquet.

Over 300 Tickets Have Already Been Sold.

TO BEGIN AT 9 P. M.

Accommodations Will Be Made for Everyone.

Samuel Bishop of Lawrence Will Be Toastmaster.

It seems that there are some Democrats in Kansas after all, notwithstanding the returns that came in just after the last election. And several hundred of them are not only willing, but anxious, to plank down two dollars per and railroad fare for the privilege of attending a Democratic banquet.

The fact that William Jennings Bryan is advertised to make the principal address at the banquet is probably responsible for the rush of Kansas Democrats to attend. There is no disputing the fact that Colonel Bryan is the idol of Kansas Democracy, and the last election confirmed the fact that he is the

greatest leader in the Democratic party nationally.

Colonel Bryan did not reach Topeka this morning, but Chairman Sapp of the Democratic state committee stated that he would probably arrive on the Union Pacific train this afternoon. Colonel Bryan is scheduled to speak on the subject, "Back to the People," and it is anticipated that he will have something to say on the issues that are stirring up governmental matters at present.

The Democrats are coming in from all over the state. Nobody would have suspected that there were so many Democrats in Kansas anxious to pay out good money to celebrate Washington's birthday. Colonel W. F. Sapp, who is running the affair, is busier than a land office clerk during a reservation opening. Colonel Sapp made preparations for 200 plates to be laid at the banquet, but Saturday he increased the order to 300 and today he added another 50. Three hundred and fifty is the largest number that can possibly be admitted.

This morning Colonel Sapp called in all the tickets that had not been disposed of, but he got together only forty, and there was a constant stream of people going to his room and wanting to buy tickets.

The banquet will be held in the dining room of the Throop hotel. That will be filled and the overflow will be placed in adjoining rooms. The music will be furnished by Steinberg's orchestra. A temporary platform has been built for the orchestra, so as to make more room for the banquet. The banquet will begin at 9 o'clock, which is as soon as the dining room can be secured and prepared for it.

"What is the alleged purpose of this gathering?" Colonel Sapp was asked today.

"The clans are gathering to congratulate the Republicans for taking up 'Populism,'" said Colonel Sapp. "That is really what we are meeting for."

It is the intention to organize a Democratic club which shall be to Kansas Democracy what the Kansas Day club is to the Republican party in Kansas. John F. Switzer, of Topeka, will present the plan of organization and the officers of the club will be elected.

Samuel D. Bracey, of Lawrence, will act as toastmaster. The programme of speeches will be as follows:

"The Citizen and Democracy," H. O. Custer, of Oberlin; who made the rush for congress in the Sixth district last fall against Congressman Reader.

"The Young Democracy," J. A. Johnson, of the State university.

"George Washington," Francis M. Brady, of Oswego, Democratic candidate for congressman-at-large in the last campaign.

"Summing Up," Robert W. Blair of Topeka, who has just been nominated

as the Democratic candidate for mayor of Topeka.

"Back to the People," William Jennings Bryan.

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AFTER SALT TRUST.

C. D. Jones Wants to Have It Investigated.

C. D. Jones, of Norton, would put a kink in the tail of the salt trust. This morning he introduced a resolution, which went over under the rules until Thursday providing that the governor shall use some of the \$15,000 which the legislature appropriated for the purpose of investigating the delinquencies of state officers, in overhauling the records of the salt combine. The resolution says:

"Whereas, By a joint resolution heretofore passed, the legislature has authorized the governor to appoint a commission to investigate and report as to whether trusts therein named were guilty of extortion and other wrongs inimical to the best interests of the people; and

"Whereas, It has been charged by members of this legislature that a salt trust controls the salt mines of Kansas and operates the same to the injury of the people of this state; now therefore, be it

Resolved, by the house, the senate concurring therein, that the governor be and is hereby requested to direct the said commission to be appointed by him, to ascertain and report whether or not there is a salt trust in Kansas, and whether or not the same is overcharging the people of Kansas for the product mined. And whether or not

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 22.—It was learned today that Parker A. Jacobson, local manager for the Armour Packing company, and John A. Bangs, manager for the Swift Packing company, have been served with subpoenas to appear before the United States grand jury in Chicago, April 24, to testify in the so-called "beef trust" investigation. The serving of the subpoenas was a complete surprise to all concerned.

It is also said that secret service men have been engaged for three weeks in collecting evidence concerning the workings of the beef trust in the northwest, which will be of great value in furthering the purposes of the grand jury inquiry.

No Holiday for Them.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Commissioner Garfield of the bureau of corporations has not yet completed his report of the investigation of the beef trust. Five important chapters of the report practically have been finished, but the detailed figures for the remainder have not been obtained. Inspectors of the bureau are now working on this part of the report, and it is expected the report will be in the hands of Commissioner Garfield next week.

It is not certain whether that part of the report which has been completed will be submitted by the president to congress at the present session. There are reasons why all the information obtained should not be made public at this time, but it is possible that some of it may be sent to congress before adjournment. Under the law it is discretionary with the president whether the reports submitted to him by the commissioner of corporations shall be made public in their entirety.

In directing that the operations of the beef trust be investigated by a special grand jury, Attorney General Moody has acted upon facts developed by the investigation conducted by Commissioner Garfield. This information was presented by the department of justice through the president.

It is not desired by officials of the government to publish at this time the concrete results of the inquiry, because by so doing the hand of the government in any proposed operators in the trust would be disclosed, in a measure at least.

Commissioner Garfield and a corps of clerks have been working on the report, notwithstanding the fact that the department is closed. Every effort is being made to expedite this work, not only in order to lay the report before the grand jury, but also to leave the way clear for his inquiry into the operations of the oil trust. The latter inquiry is being run actively by Commissioner Garfield now being engaged in preparing his plans for it and outlining the work to be done.

HOCH DIDN'T SIGN IT.

Kansas City Bill Becomes a Law Without His Signature.

Governor Hoch has allowed the Kansas City high school bill, the local measure which has been agitating both negroes and whites in that city, Kan., while waiting for him to make up his mind, to pass into the hands of the law without his signature. The bill, which was signed by him with petitions to veto the bill, and the white people of the town in question sent telegrams and came in person urging the governor to sign the bill at once. He has compromised by doing nothing. Governor Hoch says that his three day limitation is not up until this afternoon, but a majority of the lawyers say that the bill has passed beyond danger of a legal veto.

BLOW TO COAL TRUST.

Illinois Supreme Court Renders an Important Decision.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 22.—The supreme court in the case of the Wilmington Coal company versus the people sustained the judgments of the Cook county court and the appellate court in the cases where the Wilmington Coal company and sixteen other coal companies were found guilty of a conspiracy to control the price of coal. The supreme court says that actual agreement is not necessary in order to constitute the offense charged but that a tacit understanding between competitors would itself be a violation of the anti-trust law.

REFINERY IN OKLAHOMA

Territorial Legislature Would Erect One to Cost \$200,000.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 22.—The house committee today recommended that the territorial legislature be authorized to erect and maintain a territorial oil refinery at Stillwater.

Temperatures in Large Cities.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—7 a. m. temperatures: New York, 32; Philadelphia, 30; St. Louis, 24; Cincinnati, 35; Boston, 22; Washington, 26; Minneapolis, 22; St. Paul, 28.

Weather Indications.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—Forecast for Kansas: Fair tonight and Thursday; moderate temperature; variable winds; shifting to southerly.

Water Plugs Out of Order.

A number of water plugs along Kansas avenue are out of commission. There are still in bad order, partly as the result of the extreme cold weather a few days ago. The water plugs at the southeast corner of Third and northeast corner of Fourth street and northeast corner of Fifth street, all on Kansas avenue, are the ones out of commission.